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For: PRECIPITATION HARDENED Co-Ni BASED HEAT-RESISTANT ALLOY AND  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Date: July 26, 2006

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 8, 2006, please consider the following  
remarks which begin on page 2.